

VERNON CEMETERY COMMISSION

September 5, 2017

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The regular meeting of the Vernon Cemetery Commission was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Acting Chairman Lois-Jane Tonski at the Cemetery Office at Grove Hill Cemetery. Members present were Lois-Jane Tonski, Judy Hany, Stuart Edwards, and Norine Edwards. Absent was Jean Luddy. Also present were Superintendent Alan West and Secretary Carol Nelson.

Citizen's Forum – No members of the public were present.

Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting of March 7, 2017 – A motion was made by Norine Edwards, seconded by Judy Hany and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2017 regular meeting as presented. The June 6, 2017 Regular Meeting was cancelled.

Superintendent's Report

- a. Employee Status – Two of the seasonal employees are back to college. Another has transferred from Parks and Recreation for a limited time. A new seasonal hire is also just started. This should take us through the leaf season.
- b. Game playing – Pokemon Go playing has caused increased traffic within Grove Hill. Although the cemeteries are public property, a request was made to the corporate sponsors to remove the site as the narrow roads create traffic and safety issues. The site has been removed with the request of Mayor Champagne. The other cemeteries have not received as much traffic.
- c. Tree trimming continues at Grove Hill with many trees in bad shape. Safety issues require the work to be done at the present time.
- d. Ground penetrating radar has been used at Elmwood Cemetery to try to locate a 1973 baby burial.

Unfinished Business

- a. Brick Memorial Walkway – Four bricks have been subscribed to date. An article has been submitted for the Events Magazine.
- b. Stone Wall & Memorial Garden Project – This project has been put on hold due to budget considerations.
- c. Wreaths Across America – December 16, 2017 – This annual event has been scheduled for noon on Saturday, December 16. Plans are similar to prior years.

New Business –

- a. Election of Officers – A motion was made by Norine Edwards, seconded by Judy Hany and unanimously voted to elect Jean Luddy as Chairman. A motion was made by Stu Edwards,

seconded by Judy Hany and unanimously voted to elect Norine Edwards as Vice Chairman. A motion was made by Norine Edwards, seconded by Lois-Jane Tonski and unanimously voted to elect Stu Edwards as Secretary.

Any Other Business – A tour of Elmwood Cemetery sponsored by the Vernon Historical Society will be conducted by Jean Luddy on Sunday, September 24 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m. with a motion made by Norine Edwards, seconded by Stu Edwards.

Approved: Dec 5, 2017



Carol S. Nelson

Cemetery Secretary